

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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HAZARDOUS MICRO - ORGANISMS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has since notified the rules for manufacture, use, import, export and storage of hazardous micro-organisms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the way in which it would help the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a & b) Yes , Sir The Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified the `Rules for the Manufacture, Use /Import /Export and Storage of Hazardous Microorganisms / Genetically Engineering Organisms or Cells, 1989 under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986 These rules and regulations cover the areas of research, large scale applications, manufacture, use, import, export, and storage of genetically modified organisms and hazardous micro-organisms. These rules also define the competent authorities and composition of such authorities for handling of various aspects of the rules.

(c) Extensive rules and guidelines have been framed under the above said rules with a view to evaluate the impact on the use of genetically modified organisms/ hazardous microorganisms and the products thereof on the environment and human health.